

UNNAMED POND

Prentiss Twp, Somerset Co. ME
U.S.G.S. Penobscot Lake

Fishes

None

Physical Characteristics

Area – 5 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth- 15 feet

Surface – 67°F

15 feet - 56°F

Principal Fishery: None

This small fishless pond is located west of Cheney Pond within a cluster of small headwater ponds. Access to this pond requires a walk of about 1/3 mile from a logging road. There was no obvious foot trail to the pond.

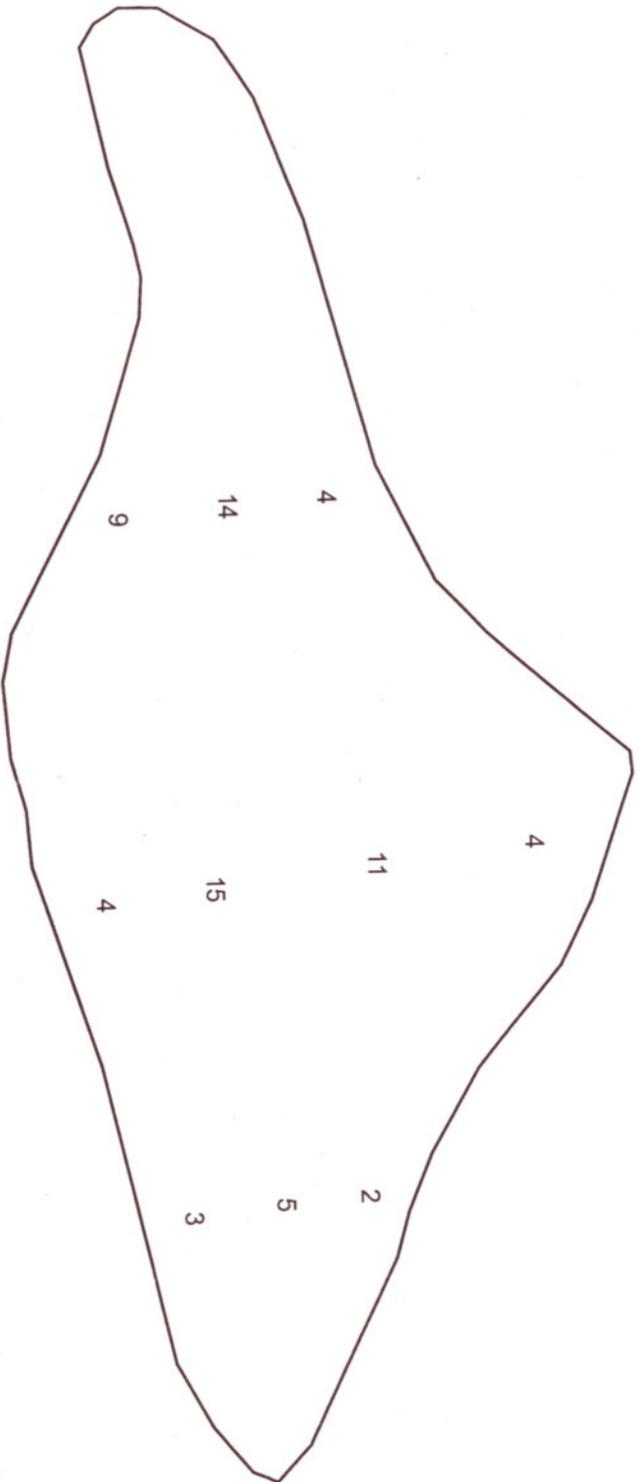
The shoreline is steep and the surrounding forest is predominantly softwood. There is some ledge present on the east shore near the outlet. There were several old beaver dams on the outlet, but at the time of the survey, they were not holding any water. Some potential spawning habitat did exist between the dams on the outlet. The outlet near the pond is not very steep, however, there are several small drops on the outlet below the road crossing. The spring inlet on the west end of the pond contains small amounts of gravel that could provide spawning habitat. The spring on the north

shore had little flow and no gravel. The pond has a soft bottom with scattered rocks and dead cedar trees around the shore. There were very few aquatic plants present.

The water quality is typical of small, deep ponds in this area. The pond stratified around 8 feet with an oxygen deficiency in the hypolimnion. The water quality is sufficient to maintain a coldwater fishery.

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